

Senate Bill Returned: Agreed to H. Res. 379, returning to the Senate, S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. **Pages H878–79**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 9. **Page H878**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 9: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 9. **Page H879**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 10: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 9, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, for Morning-Hour debate. **Page H879**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 11. **Page H879**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H863 and H877. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Testimony was heard from Craig Cox, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Departmental Administration, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Pearlle Reed, former Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration; Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; and Anne F. Reed, Chief Information Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, held a hearing on the FBI and the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Indian Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administration for Children and Families and the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Service; Clarie V. Broome, M.D., Acting Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Jeanette C. Takamura, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging; Olivia A. Golden, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Quality of Life and the Senior Enlisted from each Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Hall, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer John Hagan, USN; Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lee, USMC; and Chief Master Sergeant Eric W. Benken, USAF.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on FY 1999 Air Force Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: F. Whitten Peters, Under Secretary and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 1999 Air Force Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition) and Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acquisition).

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Financial Management Services, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Mint. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Richard Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service; Thomas A. Ferguson, Associate Director, Research and Development, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and Phil Diehl, United States Mint.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Community Development Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Treasury: Robert E. Rubin, Secretary; Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Financial Development Institutions Fund; and John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND REFORM AND AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3114, International Monetary Fund Reform and Authorization Act of 1998.

SUPERFUND REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 3000, Superfund Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Craig O'Connor, General Counsel, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Tobacco Settlement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES—DEVELOPING CONSENSUS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Developing a Consensus on Student Loan Interest Rates. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gordon and Kanjorski; David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; and Jonathan Gruber, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2888, Sales Incentive Compensation Act; and H.R. 2327, Drive for Teen Employment Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3249, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act; and H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997.

OVERSIGHT—FEC

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from Representative White; the following officials of the FEC: Joan D. Aikens, Chairman; John C. Surina, Staff Director; and Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HEPATITIS C

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Public Health 2000: Hepatitis C, the Silent Epidemic. Testimony was heard from David Satcher, M.D., Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services; John F. Mazzuchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Clinical and Program Policy, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Holohan, M.D., Chief, Patient Care Services Officer; and Gary Roselle, Program Director, Infectious Diseases; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Continued hearings on Campaign Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg, Cook, Rivers, Clement, Gekas, Gilchrest and Gejdenson.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget request for FY 1999. Testimony was heard from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action amended the following resolutions: H. Res. 364, urging the introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; H. Res. 361, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia; and H. Con. Res. 218, concerning the urgent need to establish a cease fire in Afghanistan and begin the transition toward a broad-based multiethnic government that observes international norms of behavior.

MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on "Multilateral Agreement on Investment: Win, Lose or Draw for the U.S.?" Testimony was heard from Alan Larson, Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

CRISIS—GREAT LAKES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa held a joint hearing on the Ongoing Crisis in the Great Lakes. Testimony was heard from Howard Wolpe, Special Envoy, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MASS TORTS AND CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing regarding mass torts and class action lawsuits. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Virginia; Anthony J. Scirica, Judge, United States Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit; and public witnesses.

NATURALIZATION REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2837, Naturalization Reform Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Paul Virtue, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and James S. Angus,

Acting Executive Director, Office of Naturalization Operations; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command.

Hearings continue March 12.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued joint hearings on FY 1999 Department of Defense with emphasis on Army modernization. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Army.

Hearings continue March 10.

OVERSIGHT—ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Rolland Schmitten, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2458, Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997.

OVERSIGHT—ROAD FROM KYOTO; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Science: Continued oversight hearings on the Road From Kyoto—Part 3: State Department Overview. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State.

The committee also approved pending Committee business.

AVIATION MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2843, Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997.

FAA'S MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on FAA's modernization programs. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jane Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

GSA BUDGET AND RELATED ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the GSA's FY 1999 budget and related issues. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Director, OMB; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Judge Norman Stahl, Chairman, Security and Facilities Committee, U.S. Judicial Conference; J. Peter Basso, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs, Department of Transportation; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the following bills; H.R. 3039, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; and H.R. 3211, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact

into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, H.R. 3213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify enforcement of veterans' employment rights with respect to a State as an employer or a private employer, to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 6, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to hold hearings on proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for Bosnia and Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on civil liability provisions of S. 1530, to resolve ongoing tobacco litigation, to reform the civil justice system responsible for adjudicating tort claims against companies that manufacture tobacco products, and establish a national tobacco policy for the United States that will decrease youth tobacco use and reduce the marketing of tobacco products to young Americans (pending on Senate calendar), 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.